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IN THE MATTER OF OWEST

REQUEST FOR WAIVER, OR

CORPORATION'S, AND QWEST

INC.'S, OWEST SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL

CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF SALE,

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE ARIZONA OPERATIONS OF

Arizona Corporation Commission

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QWEST CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby responds to Staff's March 18, 2003 request for an extension to file rebuttal testimony in the above-captioned docket. Staff has requested another two-week extension for filing direct testimony to complete settlement negotiations with Qwest. Qwest does not oppose this request as long as negotiations continue between parties. If, however, the settlement negotiations terminate, Qwest requests that Staff's testimony be filed the next business day following the date of termination. While Qwest believes that Staff's request is made in good faith, any extension of up to two weeks beyond when negotiations terminate would seriously prejudice Qwest. Thus, Qwest believes that Staff's testimony should be filed at the end of the two-week period or when negotiations terminate, whichever is earlier.

Staff has also requested that all other deadlines be extended two weeks. Qwest does believe that it is appropriate to rule on this request at this time. Qwest requests that surrebuttal and rejoinder testimony as well as other subsequent deadlines be determined at such time as Staff

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files its rebuttal testimony. 1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2117 day of March, 2003. 2 3 FENNEMORE CRAIG 4 5 By Timothy Berg 6 Theresa Dwyer 3003 North Central Avenue, #2600 7 Phoenix, AZ 85012-2913 8 Mark Brown QWEST CORPORATION 3033 N. 3rd Street 9 Phoenix, AZ 85012 10 Attorneys for Qwest Corporation 11 ORIGINAL and 13 COPIES filed this (1) day of March, 2003, to: 12 13 **Docket Control** ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 West Washington Street 14 Phoenix, AZ 85007 15 16 **COPY** hand-delivered this 2/5 day of March, 2003, to: 17 Christopher Kempley, Chief Counsel 18 Legal Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 19 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 Lyn Farmer 21 Legal Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 22 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 23 Ernest G. Johnson 24 Director, Utilities Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 25 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007 26

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